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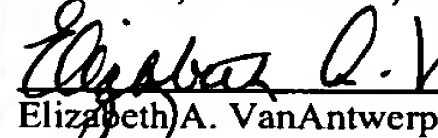
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Japanese Search Report bearing a mailing date of January 20, 2004 from a corresponding Japanese patent application, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.


In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, U.S. Patent No. 6,094,294 (Reference AA) is a national stage of PCT/JP97/00394 filed February 13, 1997 which was published under Publication No. WO 97/31283 (Reference AE).

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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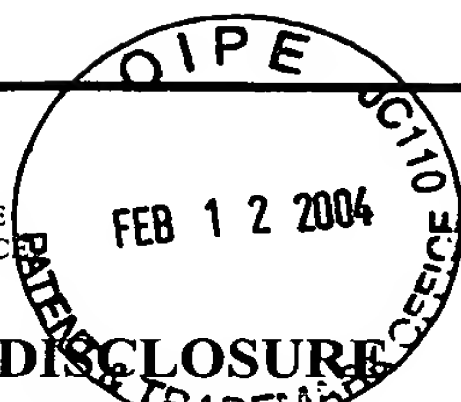
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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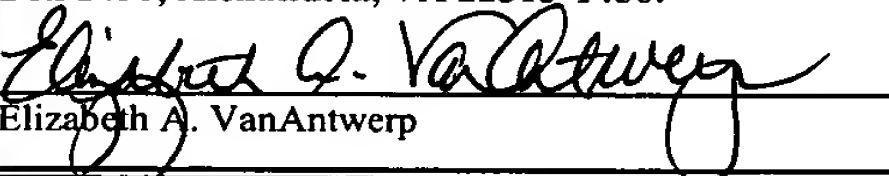
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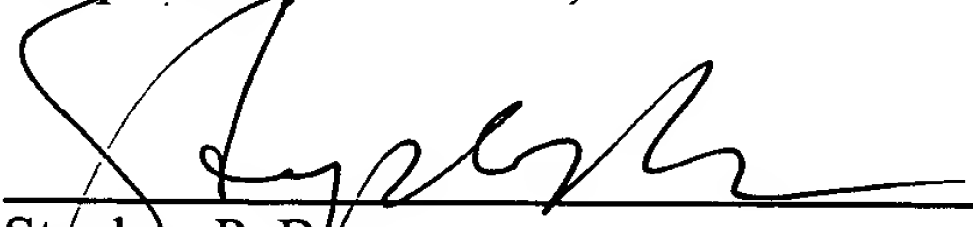
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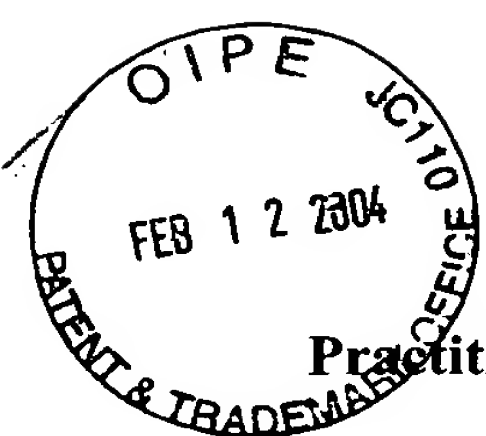
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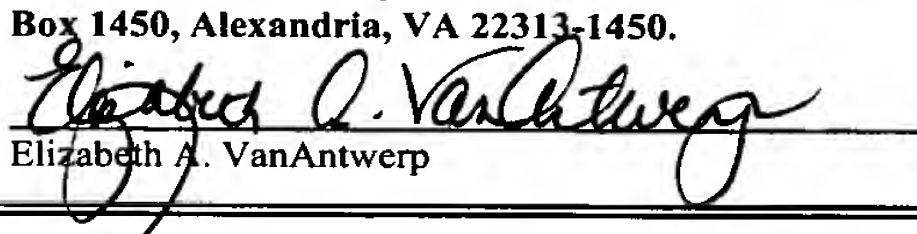
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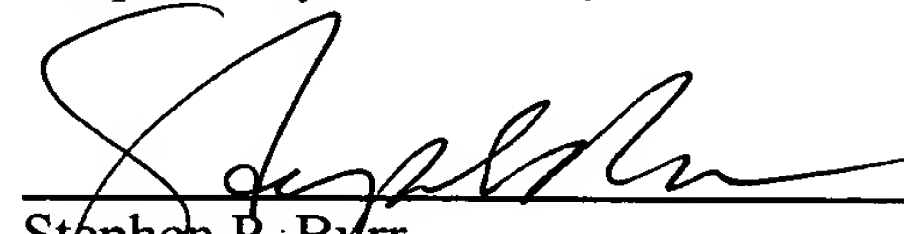
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